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**Governor Appoints Oscar Herrera as Secretary of Department of Regulation and Licensing.**

Governor Scott McCallum announced on March 29, 2001, that Oscar Herrera would head the Department of Regulation and Licensing. As a 16-year state employee, Herrera brings a wealth of experience and knowledge of state government to his new position.

Born and raised in Mexico City, Herrera received a bachelor's degree in economics and a master's degree in agricultural economics from universities in Mexico. At the University of Wisconsin-Madison, he received a master's degree in continuing and vocational education and completed his doctoral studies in development.

Herrera joined the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program in 1985 and became director of the Program in 1992. For 14 years he was involved with the Federal Consistency Regulatory Program managed by the Wisconsin Coastal Management Program and oversaw enforcement of state policies in the coastal zone of Wisconsin (Wisconsin Great Lakes Coastal counties.)

From 1999 to his appointment as Secretary of Department of Regulation Licensing, he was director of the Bureau of Minority Business Development in the Department of Commerce.

Secretary Herrera looks forward to his new responsibilities and leading the Department of Regulation and Licensing.

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**Governor Appoints New Board Member**

Governor McCallum has appointed William Starke of Fort Atkinson as a public member of the Hearing and Speech examining Board.

Mr. Starke is a 1948 graduate of UW Madison, a WWII veteran and was a P-38 fighter pilot and flew 121 combat missions. Mr. Starke is a retired Ford Dealer and has served on many local boards and committees over the years. He has been a consumer of hearing services for the last 9 years.

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## **Continuing Education Requirements for Licensure in the State of Wisconsin**

### **INTRODUCTION**

For those professionals licensed as audiologists, hearing instrument specialists, or speech-language pathologists by the Hearing and Speech Examining Board, a continuing education requirement for license renewal was implemented March 1, 1999. The impetus for continuing education requirements was to provide a quality control mechanism to consumers and to facilitate the provision of contemporary professional service. In other words, just because a person gets licensed initially, doesn't assure that they have state-of-the-art theory and have integrated it into their professional practice. Thus continuing education (CE) is one method to approach this issue.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

The amended license statutes and administrative rules now state that an audiologist, hearing instrument specialist or speech-language pathologist must complete at least 20 hours of Board approved continuing education programs or courses of study applicable to the professions *in each biennial renewal period*.

This requirement applies only to those persons licensed as described above by the Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL). Persons licensed by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) must meet a different set of continuing education requirements as outlined by DPI.

For example, those persons licensed by DRL in March 1999 had two years to obtain 20 hours of CE. In order to renew their license effective 3/1/2001, they had to certify that the 20 hours of CE had been completed. Now between 3/1/2001 and 3/1/2003, another 20 CE hours must be completed. Persons who garner more than 20 hours in the biennium may NOT bank or carry over the hours into the next biennium. If a professional happens to earn 40 hours in this

biennium, that does not meet the requirement for the 2003-2005 period.

**A LICENSEE WHO FAILS TO MEET THE CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS BY THE RENEWAL DATE SHALL NOT PRACTICE AS AN AUDIOLOGIST, HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALIST OR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGIST.**

### **DEFINITIONS AND TERMS**

An "hour" means 60 minutes. If a professional attends a state or national convention and obtains 14 hours of educational time, then that person needs only 6 more hours to meet the requirement for licensure renewal. If a professional takes a graduate course for "X" number of credits, but the course consists of 12 one-hour classes, then 12 of the 20 continuing education hours have been obtained.

"Accredited university" means an institution which is accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

"Course of study" means course work completed while enrolled as a student at a college or university accredited by a regional or national accrediting agency.

"Program" means a seminar or course other than a course of study offered by a "sponsor" approved by the Board. For example, if the Get Well Fast health care system offers a series of lectures on swallowing disorders for speech-language pathologists, the Get Well Fast health care system is the "sponsor".

### **APPROVAL OF CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND COURSES OF STUDY**

Sponsors of continuing education programs and courses of study must be APPROVED BY THE HEARING AND SPEECH EXAMINING BOARD if offered as a vehicle to meet the CE requirement for licensure renewal. The sponsor must submit a Continuing Education application

form to the Board *at least 45 days prior to the date(s) of the CE vehicle*. The application form asks for :

- Name of Sponsor
- Program Course or Title
- General Description
- Outline
- Dates
- Location
- Instructor Qualifications

Sponsors are required to keep records verifying attendance for 5 years. Attendees are to receive a Certificate of Attendance. Subject matter must be *relevant* to the professional practice of an audiologist, hearing instrument specialist or speech-language pathologist.

Approval of the CE vehicle by the Board is often facilitated if the vehicle is already approved by one of the following:

- American Academy of Audiology
- American Speech Language Hearing Association
- Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- International Hearing Society
- National Board for Certification in Hearing Instrument Sciences

Sponsors who offer a series of lectures, seminars or other continuing education vehicles over the biennium, and who wish to repeat the same series during the next biennium, must apply to the Hearing and Speech Examining Board again, if the subject matter or instructor has changed.

#### ALTERNATIVE LEARNING SCENARIOS

Home-study courses, self-study packages, computer courses, televideo conferencing and other methods may be approved by the Board.

#### DISCUSSION

The Board realizes that today's educational environment no longer exclusively resembles

classroom learning. There are many other forms of continuing education available, and if the Board denies an application, it is not necessarily stating that the learning modality was "bad", but simply not in the format as outlined in the state licensure statutes and administrative rules.

For further information, contact:

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#### Disciplines

DAVID BUSCHOW  
CHAMPLIN MN

SURRENDER

Failed to recognize that some of the results of an audiogram hearing test indicated that the patient should have been referred to a physician for further tests and evaluations; and failed to recognize that the patient's hearing test results were an indication of a potentially correctable physical condition and he did not refer the patient to a physician. Fitted the patient with a hearing aid that he did not need because the problem was corrected. Effective 12/6/2000. Sec. 459.10(1)(j),(k), Stats. HAS 5.02(1)(d), (2)(e) Case #LS0012061HAD

KATHY M SCHAUER  
BROWNSVILLE WI

REPRIMAND

On exact dates unknown but between February 1994 and June 2000, practiced as a hearing instrument specialist without a current license. Completed the required examinations and her license was reinstated. Effective 12/6/2000. Secs. 459.02, 459.10(1)(e), Stats. Case #LS0012062HAD

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## Verifications

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## Digest on Web Site

November, 1997, February, 1999, September, 1999 and June, 2000.

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## 2001 Board Meeting Dates

December 3

## Wisconsin Statutes and Code

Copies of the Hearing and Speech Examining Board Statutes and Administrative Code can be ordered from the Department. Include your name, address, county and a check payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing in the amount of \$5.28. The latest edition is dated May, 2000.

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